

This petition has the advantage of having come from a group that has devoted a lot of time and effort, along with soliciting input from the membership, in putting it together. Of the four major petitions this one has the most beneficial impact on the Amateur Radio Service. The reduction in the number of license classes plus the removal of the Morse code requirement for all except the Extra class license will simplify the administrative burden for the FCC and the VEC groups and will in the long term reduce costs by the overall simplification of the license structure. Along with the petition for "refarming" the Novice bands this petition sets the stage for improving the ability of the Amateur Radio Service to attract new people to the Amateur Radio Service and will encourage advancement by allowing newcomers to gain experience on the HF bands. Based on the many positive effects of this petition on the Amateur Radio Service, I urge you to act favorably on it quickly. Thank you.